Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1.-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A submersible motor-driven pond pump, comprising:

a motor housing;

a motor comprising a stator and a rotor, the stator being fixed to the motor housing;

[[a]] an intake housing fixed to the motor housing, the intake housing having an intake connection and a discharge connection;

an impeller mounted in the intake housing between the intake connection and the discharge connection;

a shaft on which the impeller is mounted, the shaft being supported for rotation in the motor housing and extending into the intake housing;

a cylindrical can mounted in the motor housing radially inside the stator, said shaft extending concentrically into the can to form a free space between the shaft and the can, the rotor being fixed to the shaft in the free space; and

anti-freeze apparatus installed in at least one of the ~~housing~~ housings for protecting the shaft.

7. (currently amended) The submersible ~~motor-driven~~ pond pump of claim 6 further comprising a ceramic bearing supporting the shaft, the anti-freeze apparatus comprising:

an elastomeric bushing supporting the ceramic bearing in an entrance of the can; and

a water displacer arranged in the free space.

8. (currently amended) The submersible pond pump of claim 6 wherein the anti-freeze apparatus comprises an elastomeric mount which supports the shaft in the impeller.

9, (currently amended) The submersible pond pump of claim 6 wherein the anti-freeze apparatus further comprises an elastomeric diaphragm mounted at a low point in the intake housing, the diaphragm being expandible when subjected to ice pressure.

10. (currently amended) The submersible pond pump of claim 6 wherein the shaft is a ceramic shaft.

11. (new) The submersible pond pump of claim 9, where the intake housing has a drain hole at a low point, the elastomeric diaphragm being mounted in the drain hole.

12. (new) The submersible pond pump of claim 7 wherein the water displacer is fixed to the shaft between the ceramic bearing and the rotor.

13. (new) The submersible pond pump of claim 6 further comprising an annular housing enclosing an annular space opposite from the motor housing, the intake housing having

openings which communicate with the annular space, the antifreeze protection further comprising a water displacer in the annular space.

14. (new) The submersible pond pump of claim 13 wherein the water displacer is compressible.

15. (new) The submersible pond pump of claim 14 where the water displacer is one of a closed-cell foam plastic and an air-filled membrane.

16. (new) The submersible pond pump of claim 6 further comprising an annular space between the intake housing and the cylindrical can, the annular space communicating with an interior of the intake housing and an interior of the can via openings, the antifreeze protection further comprising a water displacer in the annular space.

17. (new) The submersible pond pump of claim 16 wherein the water displacer is collapsible.

18. (new) The submersible pond pump of claim 17 where the water displacer is one of a closed-cell foam plastic and an air-filled membrane.